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PREFACE

THIS speller is the result of many years of experience on the part of the author in teaching spelling to grade pupils.

The written vocabulary of the average educated man does not exceed three thousand words. Recognizing this, the word list in this book is limited to those words which are common to the written vocabulary of business and social usage, the time and energy of the children not being wasted in acquiring a spelling vocabulary for which they will have no practical use.

Spelling is particularly a memory subject. During the elementary school period of the child's mental development, his brain is more plastic than it is later in his life, and therefore, though it is more receptive, it is also less likely to retain as a permanent possession the impressions received. In order to fix any given impression constant repetition is necessary. No spelling book heretofore published, within the author's knowledge, gives sufficient drill to insure lasting impressions on the child's brain. By the plan inaugurated in this book the necessary repetition is provided, while at the same time the interest of the child is held.

In the work for the second grade nearly every word is used seven times, exclusive of the number of times it may occur in the Dictation Exercises. For the third grade each word is used five times in addition to the Dictation Exercises. In the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grade work each word is used four times in addition to the Dictation Exercises.

The arrangement of the words in this speller is entirely without reference to phonetic relationship, to family ending, or to other artificial classification.

The distinctive features of this book are:

1. A practical list of words for each grade common to the vocabulary of the average child in that grade.

2. Frequent review of all words. This review is progressive, and therefore maintains the interest of the child.

3. Dictation exercises so arranged that it is possible to correlate the spelling work with the work in English without detracting from the completeness of the book as a spelling book.

4. Independent arrangement of words.

In the six grades of work into which this complete speller is divided and which are intended to cover the second to seventh school years, both inclusive, training is given in a practical and usable vocabulary of approximately three thousand words.

St. Johnsville, N.Y.,
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PREFACE TO SECOND GRADE

THE word list in this grade has been carefully selected from words which long experience has shown are likely to present difficulties to average second grade children. At the bottom of each page is found a review list of nearly all of the words occurring on the page, as well as a dictation exercise which includes many of the words so occurring. It is optional with the teacher which manner of review she chooses. The author has found it desirable to use the word list for the review and the dictation exercise as a part of the English work. By this means is tested the ability of the child to spell the word in its proper relation to other words as well as by itself.

SECOND GRADE

	school	home	brother
	teacher	father	sister
school	home	mother	uncle
	father	brother	aunt
		sister	boy

	school	father	sister
	teacher	mother	uncle
school	home	brother	aunt
teacher	father	sister	boy
	mother	uncle	girl

	teacher	mother	uncle
school	home	brother	aunt
teacher	father	sister	boy
home	mother	uncle	girl
	brother	aunt	flag

aunt	boy	girl	flag	man
boy	girl	flag	man	son

REVIEW

	home	brother	
school	father	sister	aunt
teacher	mother	uncle	boy

DICTATION

The teacher is at school.
Father and mother are at home.
Brother and sister are at school.

girl	man	fall	day
flag	son	winter	night
man	fall	day	north
son	winter	night	south
fall	day	north	east

flag	son	winter	night
man	fall	day	north
son	winter	night	south
fall	day	north	east
winter	night	south	west

north	south
south	east
east	west
west	village
village	(name of village)

REVIEW

	man	winter	
flag	son	day	north
girl	fall	night	south

DICTATION

The girl has a flag.
The man has a son in the South.
School opens in the fall.
At the north the winter is cold.
The mill runs day and night.

east	village	county	state
west	(Name of village)	(Name of co.)	(Name of state)
village	county	state	(Name of village)
(Name of village)	(Name of co.)	(Name of state)	town
county	state	(Name of village)	reading

west	(Name of village)	(Name of co.)	(Name of state)
village	county	state	(Name of village)
(Name of village)	(Name of co.)	(Name of state)	town
county	state	(Name of village)	reading
(Name of co.)	(Name of state)	town	writing

(Name of village)	town
town	reading
reading	writing
writing	spelling
spelling	snow

REVIEW

	village	(Name of co.)	
east	(Name of village)	state	(Name of village)
west	county	(Name of state)	town

DICTATION

The sun rises in the east.

(Name of village) is a village.

(Name of county) county is in the state of (name of state).

The girl lives in the town.

Mohawk is the name of a river.

reading	spelling	and	an
writing	snow	the	you
spelling	and	an	who
snow	the	you	were
and	an	who	body

writing	snow	the	you
spelling	and	an	who
snow	the	you	were
and	an	who	body
the	you	were	that

who	were
were	body
body	that
that	this
this	then

REVIEW

	spelling	the	
reading.	snow	an	who
writing	and	you	were

DICTATION

Reading, writing, and spelling are taught in school.
Snow falls in winter.
Who is your teacher?
The boy has an apple.

body	this	which	round
that	then	earth	is
this	which	round	land
then	earth	is	was
which	round	land	Monday

that	then	earth	is
this	which	round	land
then	earth	is	was
which	round	land	Monday
earth	is	was	Tuesday

land	was
was	Monday
Monday	Tuesday
Tuesday	Wednesday
Wednesday	Thursday

REVIEW

	this	earth	
body	then	round	land
that	which	is	was

DICTATION

A body of men was in the village.
Which boy will go?
Then I will go.
The earth is round.
Land is near.
This road runs north, that one south.

Monday	Wednesday	Friday	Sunday
Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday	end
Wednesday	Friday	Sunday	point
Thursday	Saturday	end	bed
Friday	Sunday	point	January

Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday	end
Wednesday	Friday	Sunday	point
Thursday	Saturday	end	bed
Friday	Sunday	point	January
Saturday	end	bed	February

point	bed
bed	January
January	February
February	March
March	April

REVIEW

	Wednesday	Saturday	
Monday	Thursday	Sunday	point
Tuesday	Friday	end	bed

DICTATION

Sunday is the first day of the week.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday are days of the week.

Saturday is the last day of the week.

The day is at an end.

Point to the flag.

January	March	May	July
February	April	June	August
March	May	July	September
April	June	August	October
May	July	September	November

February	April	June	August
March	May	July	September
April	June	August	October
May	July	September	November
June	August	October	December

September	October
October	November
November	December
December	America
America	all

REVIEW

	March	June	
January	April	July	September
February	May	August	October

DICTATION

March, April, and May are spring months.
June, July, and August are summer months.
September, October, and November are fall months.
December, January, and February are winter months.

November	America	hill	city
December	all	when	life
America	hill	city	spring
all	when	life	birds
hill	city	spring	clothes

December	all	when	life
America	hill	city	spring
all	when	life	birds
hill	city	spring	clothes
when	life	birds	country

spring	birds
birds	clothes
clothes	country
country	children
children	for

REVIEW

	America	when	
November	all	city	spring
December	hill	life	birds

DICTATION

We live in America.
All the boys are on the hill.
When are you going to the city?
Life is short.
Birds come in the spring.

clothes	children	up	are
country	for	men	her
children	up	are	his
for	men	her	road
up	are	his	were

country	for	men	her
children	men	are	his
for	up	her	road
up	are	his	were
men	her	road	here

his	road
road	were
were	here
here	sun
sun	what

REVIEW

	children	men	
clothes	for	are	his
country	up	her	road

DICTATION

Clothes do not make the man.
Children live in the country.
Her sister is in the city.
His uncle is on the road.
Up, men, for day is here.

	sun	ring	would
were	what	grain	pretty
here	around	guess	young
sun	only	something	place
what	ring	would	hard
around	grain	pretty	shade
only	guess	young	sand

	only	guess	young
here	around	something	place
sun	ring	would	hard
what	grain	pretty	shade
around	guess	young	sand
only	something	place	gold
ring	would	hard	grass

REVIEW

	here	sun	
were	ring	something	what
only	grain	would	young
around	guess	pretty	place

DICTATION

A ring was around the sun.
Only grain was in the field.
Guess what I have.
I have something for you.
What is home without young children?

hard	sand	grass
shade	gold	bright
sand	grass	large
gold	bright	donkey
grass	large	mouse
bright	donkey	hawk
large	mouse	room

large	mouse
donkey	hawk
mouse	room
room	grand
hawk	trained
grand	strong
trained	going

REVIEW

	sand	bright	
hard	gold	large	mouse
shade	grass	donkey	hawk

DICTATION

The ground was hard.
Gold is bright.
The hawk saw a mouse in the grass.
Boys like to play in the sand.
The girls are in the shade.

room	trained	going
grand	strong	should
trained	going	horse
strong	should	playmate
going	horse	poem
should	playmate	spreading
horse	poem	piano

horse	poem
playmate	spreading
poem	piano
spreading	every
piano	very
every	beautiful
very	poet

REVIEW

	should	trained	poem
room	playmate	strong	spreading
grand	horse	young	going

DICTATION

The children were in the room.
The young should be strong.
That horse is well trained.
See my playmate.
Where are you going?

piano	very	poet
every	beautiful	deed
very	poet	frog
beautiful	deed	swim
poet	frog	name
deed	swim	house
frog	name	star

frog	name
swim	house
name	star
house	herd
star	gift
herd	song
gift	sing

REVIEW

	very	deed	name
piano	beautiful	frog	house
every	poet	swim	

DICTATION

The piano is beautiful.
Every girl was at school.
The frog can swim.
Poor pussy has no name.
We will play in the house.

star	gift	sing
herd	song	silver
gift	sing	little
song	silver	never
sing	little	turkey
silver	never	time
little	turkey	long

little	turkey
never	time
turkey	long
time	push
long	shut
push	before
shut	land

REVIEW

	gift	silver	
star	song	little	turkey
herd	sing	never	time

DICTATION

The star shines at night.
Sing a song for me.
See the silver moon.
It is time to go to school.
Take the gift and thank the giver.

long	shut	land
push	before	white
shut	land	spot
before	white	smile
land	spot	there
white	smile	dinner
spot	there	supper

spot	there
smile	dinner
there	supper
dinner	harm
supper	teach
harm	egg
teach	green

REVIEW

	shut	white	
long	before	spot	there
push	land	smile	dinner

DICTATION

After the rain the sun will shine.
We live on land.
The cloth is white.
All like a song.
There were many at dinner.

supper	teach	green
learn	egg	black
teach	green	while
egg	black	red
green	while	first
black	red	tell
white	first	goat

while	first
red	tell
first	goat
tell	eat
goat	cover
eat	trick
cover	many

REVIEW

supper	teach	while	green
learn	egg	red	tell
	black	first	

DICTATION

We learn at school.
Can you teach pussy to jump?
The dress is white.
The boy was first in the race.
Uncle will tell me a story.

goat	cover	bank
eat	trick	journey
cover	bank	garden
trick	journey	flowers
bank	garden	leaves
journey	flowers	eye
garden	leaves	cousin

garden	leaves
flowers	eye
leaves	cousin
eye	make
cousin	proud
make	hunt
proud	sugar

REVIEW

goat	cover	journey	leaves
eat	trick	garden	eye
	bank	flowers	

DICTATION

The bird will cover the egg.
There are flowers in the garden.
The leaves are green.
May you have a safe journey.
"I know a trick worth two of that."

cousin	proud	sugar
make	hunt	year
proud	sugar	fluid
hunt	year	tame
sugar	fluid	when
year	tame	brook
fluid	when	wrote

fluid	when
tame	brook
when	wrote
brook	where
wrote	much
where	friend
much	head

REVIEW

	proud	year	
cousin	hunt	fluid	when
make	sugar	tame	brook

DICTATION

The horse likes sugar.
Water is a fluid.
The bird is tame.
When may we go to the brook?
Make the best use of your time.

wrote	much	head
where	friend	rain
much	head	until
friend	rain	buy
head	until	flour
rain	buy	
until	flour	

REVIEW

wrote	friend	until
where	head	buy
much	rain	flour

DICTATION

I wrote a letter to the teacher.
Where is the girl?
A boy is at the head of the class.
Flour is made from grain.
"A friend in need is a friend indeed."

The general review beginning on the next page contains most of the words taught during the year. This review is not intended for a continuous exercise, but may be used from time to time for a spelling contest in which the children "spell down." Teachers will find this plan of "spelling down" a never failing stimulus to the child's interest.

GENERAL REVIEW

school	town	January	ring
teacher	reading	February	rain
home	writing	March	guess
father	spelling	April	something
mother	snow	May	would
brother	you	June	pretty
sister	who	July	young
uncle	were	August	place
aunt	body	September	hard
girl	that	October	shade
flag	this	November	sand
man	then	December	gold
fall	which	America	grass
winter	earth	hill	bright
day	round	when	large
night	land	city	donkey
north	was	life	mouse
south	Monday	spring	hawk
east	Tuesday	birds	room
west	Wednesday	clothes	grand
village	Thursday	country	trained
(name of village)	Friday	children	strong
county	Saturday	men	going
(name of co.)	Sunday	road	should
state	end	only	horse
(name of state)	point	around	playmate

poem	sing	supper	garden
spreading	silver	learn	flowers
piano	little	teach	leaves
every	never	egg	eye
pussy	turkey	black	land
beautiful	time	while	make
poet	long	red	proud
deed	land	first	sugar
frog	push	tell	hunt
swim	shut	green	year
name	before	goat	fluid
house	white	eat	tame
star	spot	cover	when
herd	smile	trick	brook
gift	there	bank	boy
song	dinner	journey	son

THIRD GRADE

river
stream
water

river
stream
water
flowing
through
subtraction
called
empties
mouth

river
stream
water
flowing
through
subtraction

flowing
through
subtraction
called
empties
mouth
begins
source
bottom

REVIEW

river	flowing	called	begins
stream	through	empties	source
water	subtraction	mouth	bottom

DICTATION

A river is a stream of water flowing through the land.

The process of finding how much one number is greater than another is called subtraction.

called	system
empties	branches
mouth	basin
begins	drained
source	rises
bottom	near
system	flows
branches	eastward
basin	westward

begins	drained
source	rises
bottom	near
system	flows
branches	eastward
basin	westward
drained	into
rises	Hudson
near	tribe

REVIEW

system	drained	flows	into
branches	rises	eastward	Hudson
basin	near	westward	tribe

DICTATION

A river with all its branches is called a river system. The land drained by a river system is called a river basin. The sun rises in the east.

flows	into
eastward	Hudson
westward	tribe
into	Indians
Hudson	lived
tribe	banks
Indians	canal
lived	artificial
banks	mass

Indians	canal
lived	artificial
banks	mass
canal	blocks
artificial	boxes
mass	actions
blocks	music
boxes	number
actions	drawing

REVIEW

Indians	canal	blocks	music
lived	artificial	boxes	number
banks	mass	actions	drawing

DICTATION

A canal is an artificial waterway.
"Actions speak louder than words."
At school we are taught drawing and music.

blocks	language
boxes	geography
actions	these
music	those
number	them
drawing	direction
language	two
geography	too
these	to

music	those
number	them
drawing	direction
language	two
geography	too
these	to
those	addition
them	their
direction	many

REVIEW

language	those	two	addition
geography	them	too	their
these	direction	to	many

DICTATION

Language and geography should be well taught.

Finding the sum of two or more numbers is called addition.

"Thou shalt be father of many nations."

two	miles
too	shape
to	people
addition	travel
their	rotation
many	causes
miles	ocean
shape	grand
people	division

addition	travel
their	rotation
many	causes
miles	ocean
shape	grand
people	division
travel	largest
rotation	pole
causes	axis

REVIEW

niles	travel	ocean	largest
hape	rotation	grand	pole
eople	causes	division	axis

DICTATION

1. People travel many miles to see the ocean.
2. The shape of the earth is round.
3. Asia is the largest grand division.

ocean	largest	imaginary
grand	pole	hire
division	axis	upon
largest	imaginary	rotates
pole	hire	extends
axis	upon	higher
imaginary	rotates	surrounded
hire	extends	lake
upon	higher	island

rotates	surrounded	portion
extends	lake	valley.
higher	island	lowland

REVIEW

imaginary	rotates	surrounded	portion
hire	extends	lake	valley
upon	higher	island	lowland

DICTATION

The equator is an imaginary line.
The flames rose higher and higher.
The earth rotates upon its axis.
The year extends from January through December.
An island is a portion of land surrounded by water.
A lake is a body of water surrounded by land.

surrounded	portion	between
lake	valley	spade
island	lowland	mountain
valley	between	* * * *
portion	spade	* * * *
lowland	mountain	* * * *
between	* * * *	* * * *
spade	* * * *	* * * *
mountain	* * * *	* * * *

* * * *	* * * *	Florida
* * * *	* * * *	words
* * * *	* * * *	* * * *

REVIEW

between	* * * *	* * * *
spade	* * * *	Florida
mountain	* * * *	words

DICTATION

A valley is lowland between two hills.

A mountain is a high elevation of land.

* * *, * * * *, * * * *, * * * *, * * * *, and * * * *, are towns in * * * * county.

Florida is a state.

Speak words of kindness to all.

Note. — * * * * is for names of towns or villages.

* * * *	* * * *	thought
* * * *	Florida	sentence
* * * *	words	tell
* * * *	thought	about
Florida	sentence	something
words	tell	command
thought	about	request
sentence	something	should
tell	command	with

about	request	period
something	should	direct
command	with	question

REVIEW

thought	about	request	period
sentence	something	should	direct
tell	command	with	question

DICTATION

A sentence is a complete thought in words.
It is better to request than to demand.
A direct question should have a direct answer.
Fossils tell much of the past.
"The whole world has something to do."
This sentence ends with a period.

*** See note on preceding page.**

request	period	declarative
should	direct	imperative
with	question	interrogative
period	declarative	condensed
direct	imperative	milk
question	interrogative	knit
declarative	condensed	goods
imperative	milk	cement
interrogative	knit	busy

condensed	goods	cabbage
milk	cement	celery
knit	busy	arithmetic

REVIEW

declarative	condensed	goods	cabbage
imperative	milk	cement	celery
interrogative	knit	busy	arithmetic

DICTATION

A declarative or an imperative sentence should be followed by a period.

An interrogative sentence should be followed by a question mark.

Knit goods are manufactured in New York State.

Kindness is the cement of friendship.

The boys are busy studying arithmetic.

goods	cabbage	salary
cement	celery	expense
busy	arithmetic	accident
cabbage	salary	get
celery	expense	bicycle
arithmetic	accident	animal
salary	get	engine
expense	bicycle	raisin
accident	animal	wonder

get	engine	wander
bicycle	raisin	address
animal	wonder	lemon

REVIEW

salary	get	engine	wander
expense	bicycle	raisin	address
accident	animal	wonder	lemon

DICTATION

The man receives a salary.
We should save expense.
The raisin is made from a grape.
I wonder who will make the address.
Life is no accident.
Children enjoy seeing the steam engine.

engine	wander	daily
raisin	address	weather
wonder	lemon	tongue
wander	daily	relative
address	weather	decimal
lemon	tongue	area
daily	relative	capital
weather	decimal	sure
tongue	area	gas

relative	capital	Harvard
decimal	sure	recess
area	gas	history

REVIEW

daily	relative	capital	Harvard
weather	decimal	sure	recess
tongue	area	gas	history

DICTATION

We will make a daily chart of the weather.
The tongue is an unruly member.
What is the area of the school ground?
Albany is the capital of New York State.
I will study my history during recess.
I am sure of success.

capital	Harvard	business
sure	recess	elm
gas	history	potatoes
Harvard	business	iron
recess	elm	governor
history	potatoes	government
business	iron	president
elm	governor	used
potatoes	government	right

iron	president	letter
government	used	want
governor	right	buy

REVIEW

business	iron	president	letter
elm	government	used	want
potatoes	governor	right	buy

DICTATION

The elm tree gives shade.
Potatoes first grew in America.
"I here resign my government to thee."
"O God of truth, great and right is he."
He was governor before he was president.
Many things are made of iron.

president	letter	us
used	want	use
right	buy	with
want	us	whole
buy	use	cloth
letter	with	took
us	whole	forehead
use	cloth	keep
with	took	help

whole	forehead	cut
cloth	keep	noon
took	help	skates

REVIEW

us	whole	forehead	cut
use	cloth	keep	noon
with	took	help	skates

DICTATION

"Give us this day our daily bread."
Waste not, want not.
My aunt went to the city with father.
Will you help me cut the wood?
Keep on trying.
The forehead is that part of the face above the eyes.

forehead	cut	did
keep	noon	port
help	skates	ran
cut	did	act
noon	port	cape
skates	ran	close
did	act	men
port	cape	more
ran	close	some

act	men	down
cape	more	again
close	some	meet

REVIEW

did	act	men	down
port	cape	more	meet
ran	close	some	again

DICTATION

An act of kindness is always best.
Can you tell me what a cape is?
School will close Monday.
When shall we meet again?
The president called for more men.
"He that is down needs fear no fall."

men	down	begin
more	again	now
some	meet	himself
down	begin	myself
again	now	herself
meet	himself	goes
begin	myself	fit
now	herself	still
himself	goes	robin

myself	fit	yet
herself	still	went
goes	robin	fear

REVIEW

begin	myself	fit	yet
now	herself	still	went
himself	goes	robin	fear

DICTATION

I will go myself.
The man himself goes to the port.
"Be still, wild waves, be still."
It is fit that he should go.
"I will fear no evil."
"When I begin I will also make an end."

fit	yet	flat
still	fear	gone
robin	went	after
yet	flat	short
went	gone	wet
fear	after	everywhere
flat	short	breezes
gone	wet	showers
after	everywhere	twig

short	breezes	budding
wet	showers	pine
everywhere	twig	willow

REVIEW

flat	short	breezes	budding
gone	wet	showers	pine
after	everywhere	twig	willow

DICTATION

April showers bring forth May flowers.
The boys have gone after a pine tree.
I have a short twig from the willow tree.
Near the brook are budding flowers.
"Into a calm the breezes sink."
"Wet the thirsty earth with falling showers."

breezes	budding	apple
showers	pine	orange
twig	willow	orchard
budding	apple	strawberry
pine	orange	rose
willow	orchard	lily
apple	strawberry	sunshine
orange	rose	moonlight
orchard	lily	whistle

strawberry	sunshine	chestnut
rose	moonlight	leaf
lily	whistle	peach

REVIEW

apple	strawberry	sunshine	chestnut
orange	rose	moonlight	leaf
orchard	lily	whistle	peach

DICTATION

The strawberry is grown in central New York.
The lily and the rose grew in the sunlight.
The moonlight shone over the water.
This peach is not ripe.
A perfect leaf has three parts.
"I wish that he could whistle you here to-day."

sunshine	chestnut	Santa Claus
moonlight	leaf	twilight
whistle	peach	shadows
chestnut	Santa Claus	stockings
leaf	twilight	frost
peach	shadows	clear
Santa Claus	stockings	whisper
twilight	frost	ballad
shadows	clear	height

stockings	whisper	silence
frost	ballad	train
clear	height	wind

REVIEW

Santa Claus	stockings	whisper	silence
twilight	frost	ballad	train
shadows	clear	height	wind

DICTATION

Once a year I hang up my stockings for Santa Claus.
The shadows come and go.
"The frost looked forth on a still clear night."
Whisper a secret now to me.
Silence is golden.
"Behold the highest of the stars, how high they are."

whisper	train	had
ballad	wind	noise
height	pleasant	bough
silence	had	diamond
train	noise	pearl
wind	bough	breast
pleasant	diamond	spear
had	pearl	rock
noise	breast	window
bough	spear	fairy
silence	pleasant	everything

diamond	spear	fairy	temple
pearl	rock	everything	towers
breast	window	bees	cupboard

REVIEW

pleasant	diamond	rock	bees
had	pearl	window	temple
bough	breast	fairy	towers
noise	spear	everything	cupboard

DICTATION

The diamond and the pearl are very beautiful.
Upon this rock I take my stand.
Everything that is, is best.
Many towers rose from the temple.
"But when she got there the cupboard was bare."

rock	bees	prepare
window	temple	basket
fairy	towers	pitcher
everything	cupboard	water
bees	prepare	shall
temple	basket	pool
towers	pitcher	bright
cupboard	water	trout
prepare	shall	asleep
basket	pool	blackbird
pitcher	bright	Hawthorne
water	trout	mower

shall	trout	Hawthorne	bee
pool	asleep	mower	shadow
bright	blackbird	thick	nut

REVIEW

prepare	shall	asleep	thick
basket	pool	blackbird	bee
pitcher	bright	Hawthorne	shadow
water	trout	mower	nut

DICTATION

"Where the pools are bright and deep, where the gray trout lies asleep."

Hawthorne wrote many books.

The mower was cutting the thick grass.

Fill the pitcher with water from the pool.

asleep	thick	maidens
blackbird	bee	play
Hawthorne	shadow	meadow
mower	nut	clouds
thick	maidens	float
bee	play	overhead
shadow	meadow	gray
nut	clouds	brown
maidens	float	happy
play	overhead	baby
meadow	gray	quiet
clouds	brown	good night

float	brown	quiet	God
overhead	happy	good night	glow
gray	baby	morning	light

REVIEW

maidens	float	happy	morning
play	overhead	baby	God
meadow	gray	quiet	glow
clouds	brown	good night	light

DICTATION

Gray clouds float overhead.
To all, a quiet good night.
"God made my life a little light."
The morning rose is fresh with dew.
The baby is happy all the day.

happy	morning	flame
baby	God	life
quiet	glow	gay
good night	light	content
morning	flame	bloom
God	life	plan
glow	gay	small
light	content	singer
flame	bloom	neighbor
life	plan	silent
gay	small	Christ
content	singer	may

bloom	singer	Christ	abdomen
plan	neighbor	may	telephone
small	silent	banana	afraid

REVIEW

flame	bloom	neighbor	banana
life	plan	silent	abdomen
gay	small	Christ	telephone
content	singer	may	afraid

DICTATION

"God made my life a little flower, that giveth joy to all."
Be content to bloom in native bower.
"God made my life a tiny flame that burneth bright."
The singer may use the telephone.
"Be not afraid that I your hand shall take."

neighbor	banana	precede
silent	abdomen	parallel
Christ	telephone	almost
may	afraid	allow
banana	precede	deaf
abdomen	parallel	clothe
telephone	almost	away
afraid	allow	because
precede	deaf	become
parallel	clothe	telegraph
almost	away	agent
allow	because	been

deaf	because	agent	believe
clothe	become	been	police
away	telegraph	telegram	berry

REVIEW

precede	deaf	become	telegram
parallel	clothe	telegraph	believe
almost	away	agent	police
allow	because	been	berry

DICTATION

The telegraph agent sent a telegram.
Life must precede death.
My teacher does not allow me to whisper.
This blossom will become a berry.
Parallel lines never meet.

become	telegram	violin
telegraph	believe	best
agent	police	organ
been	berry	blind
telegram	violin	bowl
believe	best	phonograph
police	organ	honor
berry	blind	brave
violin	bowl	inch
best	phonograph	bridge
organ	honor	foot
blind	brave	bring

bowl	brave	foot	judge
phonograph	inch	bring	broken
honor	bridge	scrub	brush

REVIEW

violin	bowl	inch	scrub
best	phonograph	bridge	broken
organ	honor	foot	judge
blind	brave	bring	brush

DICTATION

The judge will honor the brave.
Inch by inch the mass moved on.
A violin has four strings.
"He prayeth best who loveth best."
The organ is a reed instrument.

inch	scrub	rise
bridge	broken	candy
foot	judge	carry
bring	brush	explore
scrub	rise	balance
broken	carry	catch
judge	candy	chair
brush	explore	story
rise	balance	library
candy	catch	cheeks
carry	chair	army
explore	story	children

balance	story	army	creek
catch	library	children	fog
chair	cheeks	could	prefer

REVIEW

rise	balance	library	could
carry	catch	cheeks	creek
candy	chair	army	fog
explore	story	children	prefer

DICTATION

The army could not advance on account of the fog.
His cheeks were red.
The boys will explore the cave.
I would prefer to live in the country.
"Revenge will carry them too far."

library	could	answer
cheeks	creek	cry
army	fog	toil
children	prefer	crow
could	answer	freeze
creek	cry	cunning
fog	toil	daisy
prefer	crow	dance
answer	freeze	sale
cry	cunning	shoe
toil	daisy	dollar
crow	dance	zinc

freeze	dance	dollar	dozen
cunning	sale	zinc	lunch
daisy	shoe	chief	church

REVIEW

answer	freeze	sale	chief
cry	cunning	shoe	dozen
toil	daisy	dollar	lunch
crow	dance	zinc	church

DICTATION

All must toil.
The crow is a cunning bird.
The horse has lost a shoe.
Zinc is a metal.
A dozen children were at the church lunch.

sale	chief	eagle
shoe	dozen	else
dollar	lunch	match
zinc	church	oyster
chief	eagle	empty
dozen	else	faithful
lunch	match	falling
church	oyster	opera
eagle	empty	suicide
else	faithful	field
match	falling	often
oyster	opera	grant

empty	opera	often	follow
faithful	suicide	grant	forget
falling	field	reward	frolic

REVIEW

eagle	empty	suicide	reward
else	faithful	field	follow
match	falling	often	forget
oyster	opera	grant	frolic

DICTATION

He will grant the faithful a reward.
The oyster is used for food.
You should forget your frolic when school begins.
Will you follow the leader?

suicide	reward	tomato
field	follow	educate
often	forget	flew
grant	frolic	mystery
reward	tomato	found
follow	educate	until
forget	flew	receive
frolic	mystery	friend
tomato	found	goose
educate	until	grain
flew	receive	calendar
mystery	friend	lesson

found	friend	calendar	great
until	goose	lesson	hair
receive	grain	grapes	hero

REVIEW

tomato	found	goose	grapes
educate	until	grain	great
flew	receive	calendar	hair
mystery	friend	lesson	hero

DICTATION

This tomato grew in the garden.
The police solved the great mystery.
I could not receive my friend until I had my lesson.
A calendar was on the wall.
He was a hero at school.

goose	grapes	comma
grain	great	hungry
calendar	hair	kind
lesson	hero	laugh
grapes	comma	lance
great	hungry	carrot
hair	kind	patience
hero	laugh	loaf
comma	lance	last
hungry	carrot	middle
kind	patience	mouth
laugh	loaf	Buffalo

lance	loaf	mouth	Utica
carrot	last	Buffalo	once
patience	middle	Syracuse	one

REVIEW

comma	lance	last	Syracuse
hungry	carrot	middle	Utica
kind	patience	mouth	once
laugh	loaf	Buffalo	one

DICTATION

Be kind to all.
"Laugh and the world laughs with you."
Patience brings its own reward.
A city was at the mouth of the river.
"To be once in doubt is to be once resolved."

last	* * * *	pantry
middle	* * * *	parlor
mouth	once	* * * *
* * * *	one	* * * *
* * * *	pantry	* * * *
* * * *	parlor	party
once	* * * *	peas
one	* * * *	* * * *
pantry	* * * *	kerosene
parlor	party	penny
* * * *	peas	place
* * * *	* * * *	poor

* * * *	* * * *	place	salmon
party	kerosene	poor	gasoline
peas	penny	molasses	praise

REVIEW

pantry	* * * *	* * * *	molasses
parlor	party	kerosene	salmon
* * * *	poor	penny	gasoline
* * * *	peas	place	praise

DICTATION

The eye is the window of the soul.
The pitcher shall be broken at the fountain.
There are many churches and various creeds.
There are none so blind as those who will not see.

NOTE. * * * * is for names of cities or countries.

kerosene	molasses	quarrel
penny	salmon	queen
place	gasoline	rabbit
poor	praise	rain
molasses	quarrel	biscuit
salmon	queen	bread
gasoline	rabbit	rich
praise	rain	root
quarrel	biscuit	birch
queen	bread	safely
rabbit	rich	baggage
rain	root	said

biscuit	root	baggage	engineer
bread	birch	said	food
rich	safely	search	selfish

REVIEW

quarrel	biscuit	root	search
queen	bread	safely	engineer
rabbit	rich	baggage	food
rain	birch	said	selfish

DICTATION

Good children do not quarrel.
She was queen of the May.
The deer is a timid animal.
The selfish are unhappy.

birch	search	sell
safely	engineer	plants
baggage	food	flesh
said	selfish	sow
search	sell	smile
engineer	plants	sour
food	flesh	flying
selfish	sow	dress
sell	sour	truly
plants	smile	yours
flesh	flying	soil
sow	dress	carpet

smile	dress	soil	rug
sour	truly	carpet	stood
flying	yours	strength	explode

REVIEW

sell	smile	truly	strength
plants	flying	yours	rug
flesh	sour	soil	stood
sow	dress	carpet	explode

DICTATION

The man worth while is the man who will smile.
Do you sell tomato plants?
Powder will explode.
This man has great strength.
The flying machine is used by many.

truly	strength	store
yours	stood	talk
soil	rug	tail
carpet	explode	dust
strength	store	think
rug	tail	sprout
stood	talk	blossom
explode	dust	squirrel
store	think	love
tail	sprout	comet
talk	blossom	suppose
dust	squirrel	tooth

think	squirrel	suppose	visit
sprout	love	tooth	modern
blossom	comet	violet	dawn

REVIEW

store	think	love	violet
tail	sprout	comet	visit
talk	blossom	suppose	modern
dust	squirrel	tooth	dawn

DICTATION

The comet has a tail.
Think more, talk less.
The squirrel has a sharp tooth.
The blossom will open at dawn.
Love your playmates.

love	visit	voice
comet	modern	watch
suppose	violet	wave
tooth	dawn	memory
violet	watch	cheese
visit	voice	weep
modern	memory	cream
dawn	wave	furniture
voice	cheese	factory
watch	weep	while
memory	cream	why
wave	furniture	butter

cheese	furniture	why	wish
weep	factory	butter	drug
cream	while	hardware	street

REVIEW

voice	cheese	factory	hardware
watch	weep	while	wish
wave	cream	why	drug
memory	furniture	butter	street

DICTATION

Watch while you wait.
The trees wave in the wind.
Why do you weep?
A hardware store and a drug store are on the corner.
The wish is father to the thought.

factory	hardware	woman
while	wish	traffic
why	drug	letter
butter	street	hospital
hardware	woman	world
wish	traffic	wolf
drug	letter	kitten
street	hospital	cat
woman	world	lion
traffic	wolf	tiger
letter	kitten	snake
hospital	cat	toad

world	cat	snake	finger
wolf	lion	toad	trunk
kitten	tiger	cedar	head

REVIEW

woman	world	lion	cedar
traffic	wolf	tiger	finger
letter	kitten	snake	trunk
hospital	cat	toad	head

DICTATION

The rush of traffic blocked the street.
The cat, lion, and tiger all belong to the same family.
Cedar is used in making pencils.
There are four fingers on each hand.
He stands at the head of his class.

lion	cedar	feet
tiger	think	elbows
snake	finger	knife
toad	head	fork
cedar	feet	spoon
finger	elbows	napkin
think	knife	teeth
head	fork	stomach
feet	spoon	lungs
elbows	napkin	muscle
knife	stomach	bone
fork	teeth	hope

spoon	stomach	bone	grammar
napkin	lungs	hope	finish
teeth	muscle	plan	multiplication

REVIEW

multiplication	fork	stomach	hope
feet	spoon	lungs	plan
elbows	teeth	muscle	grammar
knife	napkin	bone	finish

DICTATION

We should clean the teeth daily.
The muscle is joined to the bone.
We hope to finish multiplication soon.
The plan is a good one.
Language is the beginning of grammar.

GENERAL REVIEW

river	them	(name of town)	westward
stream	direction	Florida	into
water	two	(name of town)	Hudson
flowing	too	words	tribe
through	to	thought	Indians
subtraction	addition	sentence	lived
called	their	tell	banks
empties	many	about	canal
mouth	miles	something	artificial
begins	shape	command	mass
source	people	request	blocks
bottom	travel	should	boxes
system	rotation	with	actions
branches	causes	period	music
basin	ocean	direct	number
drained	grand	question	drawing
rises	division	declarative	language
near	largest	interrogative	geography
flows	pole	condensed	these
eastward	axis	milk	those
bone	grammar	multiplication	creek
imaginary	hire	valley	(name of town)
higher	surrounded	lowland	(name of town)
upon	lake	between	(name of town)
rotates	island	spade	(name of town)
extends	portion	mountain	(name of t—

knit	weather	close	chestnut
goods	tongue	men	leaf
cement	relative	more	peach
busy	decimal	some	Santa Claus
cabbage	area	down	twilight
celery	capital	again	shadows
arithmetic	sure	meet	stockings
salary	gas	begin	frost
expense	Harvard	now	clear
accident	recess	himself	whisper
get	history	herself	ballad
bicycle	business	myself	height
animal	elm	goes	silence
engine	potatoes	fit	train
raisin	iron	still	wind
wonder	government	robin	pleasant
wander	governor	yet	had
address	president	went	noise
lemon	used	fear	bough
daily	right	flat	diamond
napkin	lungs	hope	finish
letter	cloth	skates	gone
want	took	did	after
buy	forehead	port	short
us	keep	ran	wet
use	help	act	everywhere
with	cut	cape	breezes
whole	noon	God	showers

twig	everything	shadow	become
budding	bees	maiden	telegraph
pine	temples	play	agent
willow	towers	clouds	been
apple	cupboard	float	telegram
orange	prepare	overhead	believe
orchard	basket	gray	police
strawberry	pitcher	brown	berry
rose	water	happy	violin
lily	shall	baby	organ
sunshine	pool	quiet	blind
moonlight	bright	good night	bowl
whistle	trout	morning	phonograph
pearl	asleep	glow	honor
breast	blackbird	meadow	brave
spear	Hawthorne	death	inch
rock	mower	clothe	children
window	thick	away	fog
fairy	bee	because	teeth
muscle	best	could	nut
cry	shoe	else	bloom
toil	dollar	match	plan
crow	zinc	oyster	small
freeze	chief	empty	singer
cunning	dozen	imperative	neighbor
daisy	lunch	flame	silent
dance	church	life	Christ
sale	eagle	content	may

banana	carry	follow	hair
abdomen	explore	often	hero
telephone	balance	forget	comma
afraid	catch	frolic	hungry
precede	chair	tomato	kind
parallel	story	educate	laugh
almost	library	flew	lance
allow	cheeks	mystery	carrot
light	army	found	patience
bridge	prefer	until	loaf
foot	answer	receive	last
bring	faithful	friend	middle
scrub	opera	goose	mouth
broken	falling	grain	Buffalo
judge	suicide	calendar	Syracuse
brush	field	lesson	hospital
rise	reward	grapes	spoon
candy	grant	great	stood
Schenectady	world	stomach	plan
rabbit	said	smile	voice
rain	search	flying	watch
biscuit	engineer	gay	wave
bread	food	suppose	memory
rich	selfish	tooth	cheese
birch	sell	violet	weep
root	plants	visit	cream
safely	flesh	modern	furniture
baggage	sow	dawn	factory

while	kerosene	explore	wolf
why	penny	store	kitten
butter	place	tail	lion
wish	molasses	talk	tiger
drug	salmon	dust	snake
Utica	praise	think	toad
one	quarrel	sprout	cedar
once	queen	blossom	finger
pantry	sour	squirrel	think
parlor	dress	love	head
Rome	truly	comet	feet
Rochester	yours	street	elbows
Oneida	soil	woman	knife
party	carpet	traffic	fork
poor	strength	letter	hardware
peas	rug		

APPENDIX

The following homonyms are not to be given as a continuous exercise, but, as the vocabulary of the child shows need, such homonyms as are required should be presented. Not only should the spelling be mastered, but at the same time the word should be used correctly in a dictated sentence; this should be followed by using the word in an original sentence. The homonyms selected are those in common use.

ate	John ate the apple.
eight	Eight girls were at school.
all	All the boys were at the creek.
awl	The carpenter was using the awl.
ale	The English drink ale.
ail	What can ail the boy?
air	The air is cool.
heir	He is heir to the king.
arc	The arc of the circle is thirty degrees.
ark	Noah was about a year in the ark.
aisle	The aisle of the church was filled.
isle	An island is sometimes called an isle.
altar	The lamb was sacrificed on the altar.
alter	We will alter our plans.
ascent	The boys climbed the steep ascent.
assent	The king had given his assent.
be	"To be or not to be."
bee	The bee is on the flower.

blew	The wind blew.
blue	The sky was blue.
bad	The roads were bad.
bade	The man bade the boy go.
bell	The bell is ringing.
belle	The belle of the town was away.
bare	The tree is bare.
bear	A dancing bear was in town. All should bear pain quietly.
base	The base of the building was completed.
bass	John sang bass.
break	Will the wire break?
brake	The brake will stop the automobile.
beach	The boat was on the beach.
beech	It is a beech tree.
bridal	It is a bridal veil.
bridle	The harness has a bridle.
beet	The beet came from the garden.
beat	John beat the carpet.
beau	He is a gallant beau.
bow	The Indian has a bow and arrow.
bin	The potatoes are in the bin.
been	Where have you been?
bury	Rover will bury the bone.
berry	The berry is on the bush.

bough	The bough is broken.
bow	We bow to our friends.
chord	He struck a chord on the piano.
cord	A cord of wood is in the yard.
cell	The prisoner is in a cell.
sell	Will you sell the horse?
sent	He sent the boy to market.
cent	He gave a cent for the pencil.
scent	The scent of the rose is pleasing.
creak	Hear the door creak.
creek	A creek runs through the meadow.
cite	I will cite you an example
sight	It was a beautiful sight.
site	He will build on this site.
climb	He will climb the tree.
clime	They lived in a sunny clime.
cannon	The cannon was in the park.
canon	It was a canon of the church.
complement	Violet is the complement of orange.
compliment	The teacher will compliment the boy.
capitol	The state capitol is at Albany.
capital	Albany is the capital of New York.
die	The bird will die.
dye	Mother will dye the cloth.
deer	The deer was in the park.
dear	The horse was dear.

dun	The merchant will dun the man.
done	The work is done.
Ernest earnest	Ernest is an earnest boy.
earn	The boy will earn his promotion.
urn	The urn is on the table.
fain	I fain would go.
feign	The boy will feign illness.
flea	A flea was on the dog.
flee	The wicked flee.
flour	Bread is made from flour.
flower	A flower is on the table.
flew	The bird flew over the house.
flue	A chimney is sometimes called a flue.
fort	The soldier is at the fort.
forte	Reading is his forte.
fur	Mother has a fur coat.
fir	A fir tree stood in the yard.
fowl	The hen is a fowl.
foul	The air is foul.
fourth	It is the Fourth of July.
forth	He went forth to battle.
feet	The horse has four feet.
feat	It is a feat of skill.

fair	The day was fair.
fare	He paid his fare on the car.
four	The horse is four years old.
fore	He marched at the fore of the company.
guest	He was a guest at the house.
guessed	He guessed the riddle.
groan	He heard a groan.
grown	The tree has grown.
Greece	Greece is a country in Europe.
grease	Lard is grease.
hole	There is a hole in the floor.
whole	The whole school left.
hall	The boy was in the hall.
haul	The team will haul the load.
hose	The hose is on the lawn.
hoes	The hoes are in the garden.
him	I saw him at school.
hymn	They sang a hymn.
here	The teacher is here.
hear	Did you hear the music?
hare	The hare ran into the woods.
hair	He has beautiful hair.
I	I will go.
eye	The eye is a delicate organ.

idle	None should be idle.
idol	The idol is in the temple.
idyl	A descriptive poem is called an idyl.
know	Do you know the lesson?
no	No, you cannot go.
knight	He is a brave knight.
night	Night is falling o'er the lea.
leak	Does the pail leak?
leek	Leek is a wild plant.
links	A chain has many links.
lynx	The lynx is an animal.
load	The load is heavy.
lode	The miner found a lode of ore.
liar	A liar is one who tells a lie.
lyre	A lyre is a musical instrument.
leased	Father leased the house.
least	Uncle, at least, must go.
lead	Lead is a mineral.
led	He led the horse into the barn.
loan	Will you loan me the book?
lone	He played a lone hand.
lesson	John studied his lesson.
lessen	His absence will lessen the average attendance.
medal	Mary won a medal.
meddle	Do not meddle with the fishes.

moan	He did not utter a moan.
mown	Have you mown the lawn?
mist	Mist is fine rain.
missed	He missed the train.
mane	The horse has a pretty mane.
main	The main pipe is broken.
Maine	Maine is a state.
mail	Did you get the mail?
male	Man is a male animal.
made	Have you made the garden?
maid	The maid has left.
meat	The meat is in the oven.
meet	Will you meet me at the Post Office?
one	One boy went fishing.
won	He won the race.
ore	The ore is at the mine.
oar	The oar is broken.
plane	The plane is on the bench.
plain	The dress is plain.
pour	Pour the water out of the pail.
pore	An opening in the skin is called a pore.
pear	The pear is ripe.
pair	A pair of horses were in the street.
pare	Will you pare the apples?
reign	The king will reign many years.
rain	Does it rain?
rein	The harness has but one rein.

root	The root is in the ground.
route	We will go by a different route.
rode	The boy rode to town.
road	The road is muddy.
right	Do right.
write	Will you write a letter?
seen	Have you seen Rover?
scene	The scene is a pretty one.
seem	It does not seem right.
seam	A line made by sewing is called a seam.
steak	He had steak for dinner.
stake	He tied the boat to a stake.
sew	Mother will sew the coat.
so	It is raining so I shall not go.
sow	The farmer will sow the grain.
succor	We should succor the weak.
sucker	He caught a sucker in the river.
steel	The knife is made of steel.
steal	No one will steal the boat.
son	Her son is at school.
sun	The sun is shining brightly.
stair	The book is on the stair.
stare	Do not stare at the stranger.
soul	The soul is immortal.
sole	The shoe has a poor sole.

tax	The tax on tea was not paid.
tacks	The tacks are on the carpet.
tow	The horse will tow the boat.
toe	The man hurt his toe.
team	Hold the team.
teem	Teem, is to be full of.
tale	He told a tale of woe.
tail	Do you know how the fox lost his tail?
vane	The vane is on the steeple.
vain	You should not be vain.
vein	Blood flows through the vein.
vice	Intemperance is a vice.
vise	The vise is on the bench.
wade	The children will wade in the water.
weighed	The horse has been weighed.
waist	The waist is pretty.
waste	Do not waste the chalk.
wear	The clothes will wear well.
ware	Show me your ware.
would	I would not go.
wood	Mother burns wood in the stove.
weak	He is very weak.
week	The week is ended.
yolk	The yolk of the egg is yellow.
yoke	He has a yoke for the oxen.

RULES

It is not possible to learn to spell all English words by rule. There are however in the language several groups of words which present common difficulties. These groups may well be considered here.

Words containing the combinations of *i* and *e* are generally very puzzling to students. Memorizing the following rhyme will solve this difficulty in general: —

> "Write *i* before *e*, except after *c*,
> Or when sounded as *a*, as in *neighbor* and *weigh*."

The only common exceptions to this rule are: *either, neither, seize, leisure, weird.* Drill thoroughly on these five exceptions, and then apply the rule fearlessly to all others.

Examples: *receive, deceive, conceive, die, field, fierce, believe, lieutenant.*

The words ending with the *ceed* sound furnish serious difficulties, which may be eliminated easily as follows: —

"Plant the following '*ceeds*': *exceed, proceed, succeed,* also *supersede.* Spell all others *cede.*"

Examples: *intercede, recede, precede, concede, accede.*

When words ending in silent *e* assume a termination beginning with a vowel, drop the silent *e*. But if *c* or *g* soft comes before *e* in the original word, *e* is preserved in words compounded with "*able,*" as *change, changeable; peace, peaceable.*

Examples: *blame, blamable; cure, curable; sense, sensible; hope, hoping; grieve, grievance.*

Monosyllables, and words accented on the last syllable, ending with a single consonant that is preceded by a single vowel, double that consonant when they assume another syllable beginning with a vowel.

Examples: *wit, witty; abet, abettor; begin, beginning; run, running; hop, hopping; map, mapping; spin, spinner; forget, forgetting; acquit, acquitting.*